

DON'T BE FOOLED

By the flowing advertisements in regard to the "GREAT REDUCTIONS," (cost and less than cost.) These are only **BAITS**. But go where goods are sold at the right price. **BARGAINS EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR.** By purchasing goods in large quantities we buy them so cheap that we can sell you

OVERCOATS, SUITS, HATS, CAPS, &c.,

at prices less than others with their cuts and reductions. The proof of this is by the "Rush of Trade" we have when the cry is "Awful Dull." Good goods at the right price tells the tale.

HOLIDAY NOVELTIES.

We never were so well "fixed" to give you a large assortment to select from as now. Constantly receiving the latest things in **NECKWEAR**, Fancy Imported **VELVETS**, Plush and Silk **SCARFS**, largest line of Silk and Linen **HANDKERCHIEFS** in the city, **MUFFLERS**, **SUSPENDERS**, **SCARF PINS**, **CUFF BUTTONS**, lined **KID GLOVES** and **MITTENS**. These goods were selected with care and will be sold at prices cheaper than you ever saw them.

If you want a **STYLISH SUIT** made go to **J. R. Race & Co.'s**.

COME, COME TO

J. R. RACE & CO.

129 to 135 Water Street.

Black Bart's Adventure.

Black Bart tells of one experience he had in Northern California which came near stopping his career as a highwayman. He had interviewed a party of travelers by stage and got a small haul for his trouble. After starting the stage on, with the gentle admonition to the driver to go on and never look back, or he would drop him, he, as was his custom, pitched into the brush. He had not been walking very long when he heard voices behind him, and looking down the mountain side, could see several horsemen and footmen coming in his direction at a rapid gait. They were gaining on him very fast, and he was compelled to do something very suddenly or be captured, and his only chance for escape was to secrete himself before they caught sight of him. He began looking about him, and noticed a large hollow fir log which lay on the ground. Plunging into it head first just before the vigilantes came in sight, he crawled to the farther end of the hole, but he discovered, to his horror, that he had company, which, by the peculiar odor emitted, he concluded was a polecat—in fact, he knew it was. It was a time for tears but not for retreat, and he lay there in mortal agony and heard his pursuers come up and sit down on the log, while their dog tried to make the acquaintance of the fragrant occupant of the hole in the log. The smell finally drove them away and Bart crawled hurriedly out, not only sick at heart and with the world, but terribly sick at the stomach. He declares that he did not get over the effects of his experience in the log for three months afterward, and that it nearly cured him of his propensity for robbing stages.—*Stockton (Cal.) Independent.*

The Popular New York Store.

Though their several retail places have a larger outlet for goods than any other store in Decatur, they buy for cash direct from the best markets in the country, and the fact of their having to enlarge their store to three times its former size to accommodate their rapidly increasing business, proves positively that they can and do offer inducements to the cash purchasing public not to be had elsewhere. If you would buy where the money is returned for all goods not as represented, and where you will have *Lowest, Nearest and Freshest* stock to select from, and where prices are always at the lowest possible point, patronize

Popular New York Store.
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An elegant assortment of gent's fine unbordered night shirts at B. Stine's. If

Cold weather has come; also a large stock of Plymouth Buck Gloves, at Barber & Baker's. [Oct 18dAwitt]

Shoe: Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

No other medicine has won for itself such universal approbation in its own city, state, and country, and among all people, as Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the best combination of vegetable blood purifiers, with the Iodide of Potassium and Iron, ever offered to the public. 17

A Rare Chance.

For rent—A well furnished front room in the new block, on North Water street. Water, gas, bath-room and all modern conveniences. Building heated by furnace. Call at 138 Prairie street, two doors east of postoffice. 26dtt

Order Decatur coal, lump and nut, from F. D. Caldwell. [Oct 17dtt]

Go to Dr. Thomas S. Hosking to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 21dtt

Custom made clothing at manufacturer's prices, at Cheap Charley's. 11

AYER'S Cherry Pectoral.

No other complaints are so tedious in their attack as those affecting the throat and lungs, none so tried with by the majority of sufferers. The ordinary cough or cold, resulting perhaps from a trifling or unconscious exposure, is often but the beginning of a fatal sickness. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has well proven its efficacy in a forty years' fight with throat and lung diseases, and should be taken in all cases without delay.

A Terrible Cough Cured.

"In 1871 I took a severe cold, which affected my lungs. I had a terrible cough, and passed night after night without sleep. The doctors gave me up. I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, which relieved my lungs, induced sleep, and afforded me the rest necessary for the recovery of my strength. By the continued use of the Pectoral, a permanent cure was effected. I am now 62 years old, hale and hearty, and can testify that your Cherry Pectoral saved me."
—HON. PATRICK J. HENRY.
Rockingham, Va., July 15, 1882.

Croup—A Mother's Tribute.

"While in the country last winter my little boy, three years old, was taken ill with croup. It seemed as if he would die from strangling. One of the family suggested the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, a bottle of which was always kept in the house. This was tried in small and frequent doses, and to our delight in less than half an hour the little patient was breathing easily. The doctor said that the Cherry Pectoral had saved my darling's life. Can you wonder at our gratitude? Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Emma Gregory.
169 West 125th St., New York, May 10, 1882.

"I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for several years, and do not hesitate to pronounce it the most effective remedy for coughs and colds we have ever tried."
—A. J. CHASE.
Lake Crystal, Minn., March 13, 1882.

"I suffered for eight years from Bronchitis, and after trying many remedies with no success, I was cured by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral."
—J. BRADDOCK.
Bismarck, Minn., April 6, 1882.

"I cannot say enough in praise of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, believing as I do that but for its use I should long since have died from lung troubles."
—J. BRADDOCK.
Pawnee, Texas, April 25, 1882.

No case of an affection of the throat or lungs exists which cannot be greatly relieved by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and it will always cure when the disease is not already beyond the control of medicine.

PREPARED BY
Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Sold by all Druggists.

965 Lively Boys Attend the Decatur Schools.

89 Boys attend the High School. We can suit any grade, from the graduate to the smallest primary.

251 Boys attend the First Ward School. Our goods are suitable for any class.

176 Boys attend the Second Ward School. The suitability of our goods none can dispute for any grade.

192 Boys attend the Third Ward School. Even the rule of three will prove the suitability of our goods for those boys.

148 Boys attend the Fourth Ward School. Suitably inclined parents cannot help but be pleased with our goods.

114 Boys attend the Fifth Ward School. New goods suited the boys as well as adorning this addition to Decatur's school accommodations.

We can also suit the boys in our prosperous colored school.

B. STINE.



HOW IS IT

That the people of this community, who are not constitutionally inclined to use high sounding expressions, call

CHEAP CHARLEY

One of those things that some people build houses with and other people wear in their hats. Well, to cut it short, HE'S A BRICK, even if we say it ourselves. Why?

Hard as a Brick to Opposition,
Useful as a Brick to His Patrons.

BARGAINS FOR ALL.

CHEAP CHARLEY

The Leading Clothier of Decatur.



KAUFMANN & BACHRACH
Manufacturers of
MEN'S AND BOYS' Clothing
Dealers in
Goods for Men's Wear.
Cor. East Main & Water Sts.
DECATUR.
Factory—Chicago, Illinois.

IT COSTS MONEY, BUT WE DO IT

BECAUSE,

We want every family in Macon and adjoining counties to own at least one set of "1847 ROGERS BROS. KNIVES."

FROM THIS DATE UNTIL CHRISTMAS, 1883,

WE WILL GIVE AWAY

WITH EACH AND EVERY **\$10.00** WORTH OF GOODS

Purchased of us by ONE PERSON, AT ONE TIME,

One Set "1847 ROGERS BROS." Knives!

These Knives bear the MANUFACTURERS' NAME AND TRADE MARK, and NOT OUR OWN, and until recently sold at \$1.65 per set. From this offer we except only "1847 Rogers Bros." Knives, Forks and Spoons, and Sterling Silverware; **ON ALL OF WHICH WE ARE NOW MAKING RUINOUSLY LOW PRICES**; also all goods sold at wholesale.

EVERYTHING ELSE

In our large and varied stock of **SILVER PLATED WARE, GLASSWARE, QUEENSWARE, CHINA WARE, LAMPS, TOYS** and

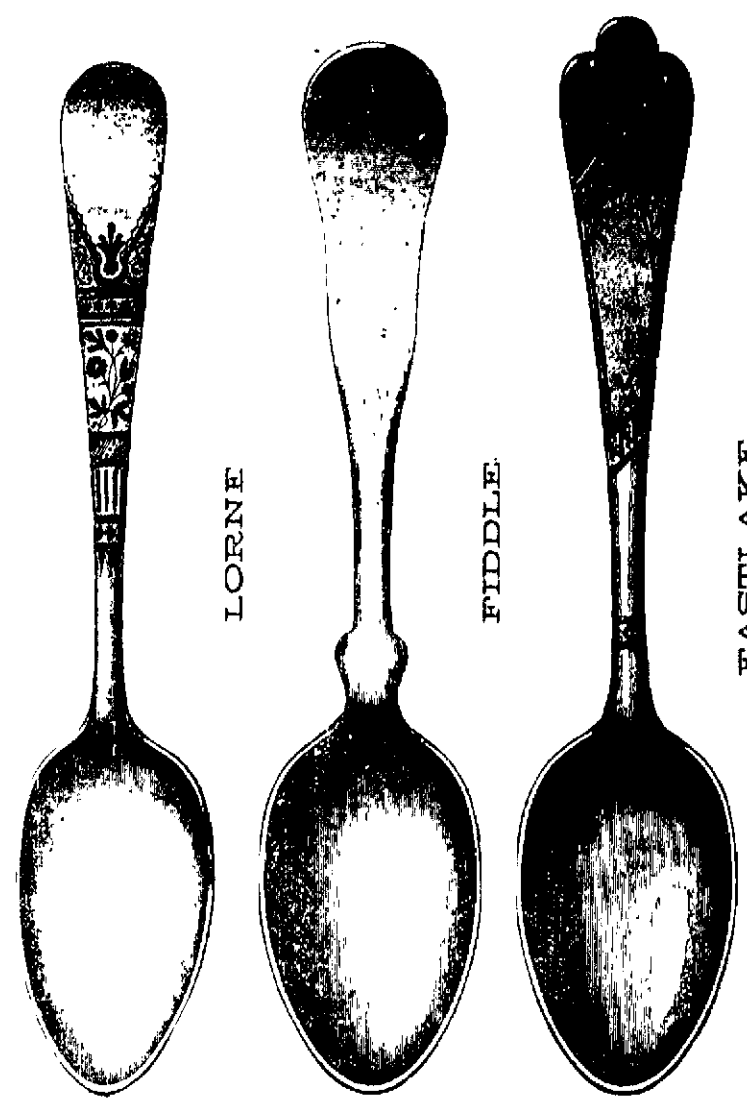
CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

Is included in the offer. Our assortment in all lines is now good. By Christmas the choicest articles will have been sold.

COME, EARLY AND OFTEN.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO.

HOLIDAY BARGAINS!



Get out this Price List and preserve it, as we will have to talk to you about something else.

Fiddle or Plain Pattern--5 Ounce or Extra Plate.
 FIVE SPOONS. Not price, \$2.12 per dozen or \$1.07 per set.
 FIVE SPOONS. Not price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$2.13 per set.
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Eastlake and Lorne Patterns--Both Fancy.
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Fiddle or Plain Pattern--12 Ounce or Triple Plate.
 FIVE SPOONS. Not price, \$3.12 per dozen or \$1.60 per set.
 FIVE SPOONS. Not price, \$1.75 per dozen or \$3.38 per set.
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OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.,
 LEADING JEWELERS OF ILLINOIS.

YOU CAN FIND AT THE CITY BOOK STORE,
 Fine Books, Books in sets, Books for the Young, and for the Old.
 BIBLES, ALBUMS, PICTURES,
 MIRRORS, STATUARY.
 All suitable for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
J. H. BEVANS,
 No. 122 Merchant St., DECATUR.

Merry Christmas!

and right merry it shall be for all our friends and customers if Low Price, New Goods and prompt attention will make them so.
 Our Store full of New and Beautiful Goods for Holiday Trade. Hundreds of choice and suitable articles for Christmas and New Year Gifts. COATS, SHAWLS, DRESS GOODS, SILKS, VELVETS, FLUSHES, HANDKERCHIEFS, NECKWEAR, LACES, EMBROIDERIES, NOTIONS, FANCY GOODS, KID GLOVES, SILK MITTENS, RIBBONS, Etc. Etc. All goods in the Military Department at half value for the season. Handsome Patterns, Turbans, Toques, Felt, made in France, Ties, Bows, Ornaments, Etc. Etc. See and price our goods.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,
 143 East Main Street, Powers' Block.

WHAT TO GIVE

Relatives and friends for a Holiday Present is the leading question at this season of the year. Call at

Ferguson & Dillehunt's

and select from a large line of useful articles such as:

CARVERS,
 COAT VASES,
 CARPET SWEEPERS,
 CUSPADORS,
 CALL BELLS,
 CHAMBER SETS,
 CHAMBER PAIRS,
 CRUMB TRAY AND BRUSHES,
 BERLIN TEA AND COFFEE SETS,
 TIN TOY BANKS, CUPS, BUCKETS, HORNS, ETC.
Garland, Champion Monitor, Round Oak
AND JEWEL STOVES.
 Prices low as the lowest, and you get a appreciated. Call on us.
FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT,
 NO. 13 WATER STREET.

The Daily Republican.

TERMS.
 Per week, payable in advance, 10 Cts.
 One year, in advance, \$5.00
 Six Months, " 2.50
 Three Months, " 1.25

TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 18, 1893

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

We have just returned from New York with new prices on Rogers Bros. 1847 Knives. See us.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.
 "Karl" to-night.

CHRISTMAS a week from to-day.
 The Coffin Factory is in hard luck.
 The cold snap has wiled somewhat.
 Ramblers are in the market. So are quails.

The Decatur hunters in Arkansas are expected home this week.

The cow bell party was out sleighing last night.

Another entertaining story in the holiday supplement to-day.

West bound trains were late last evening.

Brilliant celluloid sets in satin-lined cases at Armstrong's drug store.

Secure tickets for the military reception and ball at Guards' Armory Monday night.

Mr. Hoffman will give another free test exhibition on the old square to-night.

The merchants ought to take in lots of dollars this week.

That elegant Statuary at the City Book Store would make a present fine enough for any one.

Read the professional card of Dr. Miesse in another column.

W. T. Schenck will lead the young men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening.

They burn hard coal in two of the small cannon stores in the cars on the Citizens' street car line. Hard coal comes high, but the managers will have it.

Men's, Women's and Children's Arctic Overcoats, at BARKER & BARKER.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, all sizes and quantities, at the City Book Store. They make special prices to teachers or any one buying in quantity.

In Justice Albert's court yesterday James Bailey was fined \$3 and costs for disorderly conduct near the third ward school house. Paid.

SAT LUG, 130 North Water street--manicure ironed shirts, 10 cents, collars 3 cents, cuffs 5 cents per pair. Dec-11-ly

CANDIES, Nuts and Oranges for Christmas at Wood Bros.

One man bought \$38 worth of silverware yesterday at P. D. Bartholomew & Co's and got three sets of "Togers 1847" knives. He is now well fixed for cutlery.

DeHaven, Abel & Locke's decorator, will show you the nobly patterns of transformed window decorations. 17-43w

LADIES' SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

The silver cornet band at Nantico will give a grand ball and banquet in that lively town on Christmas Eve--next Monday night.

"The Old Dominion Book Store," the best in the world, to be had only of Linn & Scruggs.

Tim Wabash may pass through Decatur to-day. The employees at this point were paid off.

School Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

THIRTY were on Dec. 15th, 855 registered and licensed dentists in the state. The dental board report \$93.60 in the treasury.

The interest between No. 2 and No. 4 on sale at Peter Ulrich's grocery store is about equally divided. Either is good.

Now call at the shop of J. W. Tyler, Jr., and get warm blankets for your horses.

The mail train from the east was three hours late this morning. Too much cool weather. Hard to keep up steam.

Stop at Hanks & Patterson's new grocery store in the Whitman block, and get fresh eggs, nice canned goods, bulk oysters and celery.

All the leading dealers in Decatur sell Schreder's justly popular Bohemian cigars.

Artie water works this morning the well spring a leak, which may occasion some trouble in making necessary repairs. The break was made a short time before the alarm of fire was sounded.

At Niedermeyer's handy grocery store on the mound got good home feed.

To-Morrow night the new Gold Hall at the House of Prayer on East Eldorado street, will be dedicated by a sociable and oyster supper.

A new collection of statutory "figgers" will be shown at Mrs. Farley's second exhibition at the tab. Friday night.

TULLER & PARKER, manufacturers and keep on sale every kind of stock feed. Day there.

LADIES' SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

DOLLARS saved by purchasing pianos and organs at C. B. Prescott's music parlor in open block. Call there and get bargains.

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A CLOSE CALL.

Serious fire at the Coffin Factory This Morning--Damage About \$400.

The alarm of fire at 5:15 o'clock this morning, was caused by a serious blaze in the east end of the south wing of the Decatur Coffin Factory, at No. 300 North Morgan street. The fire broke out in the shavings stack, which runs upward alongside the flue of the engine room, soon after the night watchman fired up, and is supposed to have been caused by sparks from the brick smokestack falling into the wooden shavings stack. Above the engine room, which is in the basement, is the bending room, above that a storage room, and on the top floor is the rubbing room, where were stood on end a very large number of coffins ready to be handled. All of the rooms named are separated from the large building west by a solid brick wall. Had there been any doors the flames must have passed through and caused the total destruction of the building.

When the firemen arrived, with Fire Chief Wayne in the lead, they found the burning and storage rooms smoking hot and the shavings stack a column of flames. It quickly burned out and set the wood work on fire on each floor. The firemen climbed up on high piles of lumber near the building and at imminent risk to their lives, broke into the different rooms through the windows and soon got the fire under control. Ed. Leach and Mr. Bickel stuck by Mr. Wayne and followed him about through the burning division wall and roof soaked to guard against any possibility of the fire spreading. No. 24 how bursted early in the engagement, and this accident, caused the basement to receive a good drenching. The shavings stack was used to allow the heat to ascend from among the shavings blown into it through a pipe from the north building. The shavings are utilized to keep up a fire in the factory engine.

Messrs. O. Z. Greene and T. T. Roberts knew not that their factory was on fire again until after the breakfast hour. Both heard the bells but didn't think their property was in danger.

The loss is estimated at about \$100. The insurance carried by the company aggregates \$50,000. The fire will not interfere materially with the business. It will go right ahead with but little interruption.

Alfred Bailey on Trial.

In Justice Lowry's court this forenoon began the trial by jury of Alfred Bailey, who is charged in the city warrants with the double offense of making an assault on Lewis Ernest, a colored man serving as janitor at the third ward school house given special police power by Mayor Chambers, and also with retaining a prisoner from an officer. The six juryman having been sworn took their places on one side of the room which was crowded with witnesses and spectators. The city is represented by Attorney Mills and Thomas Lee is counsel for Mr. Bailey. The first witness was Ernest who testified that he was appointed policeman by the Mayor. He detailed his experience with Mr. Bailey, told of the fight in Albert's office and of the fact that Bailey had taken a prisoner from him. The defense will endeavor to show that Ernest was not a policeman because as they allege he was irregularly appointed. The case will be bitterly contested to the end and in case it goes against Bailey he will probably take an appeal.

That Girl

Samuel Shelly called last evening to say what he had already announced that Miss Doakes, the demented girl who had strayed from the poor farm Friday night, had been returned to Steward Magee. Mr. Shelly says the girl came to his house and he took her in and cared for her in a humane and commendatory manner. She chattered rather lively that evening and seemed to be all right in her upper story, but when she retired she acted queer. She uttered an odd prayer and then sang a hymn. This conduct rather puzzled the family, but they said nothing to the girl. She slept soundly. Saturday Mr. Shelly came into the city to look for her folks, and then learned that she had made her escape from the poor house. Mr. Shelly acted properly in the matter and saw that his charge was cared for in a humane manner.

Gone Up.

This morning Sheriff Porter left for Joliet, having in custody Alexander Arnold and William Hughes, the confessed horse thieves, who will labor for the state in the penitentiary for a term of years--the former for six and the latter for three years.

Test To-Night.

I will give another public test of the Haddon Gravel Pit Extinguisher on the old square to-night at 8 o'clock, and desire business men generally to witness the result.

F. J. HORTMAN.

Day's Ticket.

D. W. Bruenneman has donated a very large oil painting of a mountain scene to the widow of the late Marcus Clarke. The painting is an unusually fine one. It will be raffled off. There are to be 150 chances at \$1 each.

The strike at the Nantico coal mine is at an end, and the 43 miners resumed work this morning. The screens put in by Superintendent Graham are in use. The difference is said to have been amicably adjusted.

We Take the Doughnut.

Fill up the big stockings chock full of pure homemade Candy for Santa Claus Christmas eve. You can get it from Laura Peter Haley, who has rented the store next to Norman's Barber Shop, to make and sell candy during the holidays. It was too good for him out on the street corner. Merry Christmas to all!

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Thanks to All.

We desire to return our most sincere thanks to all who so kindly contributed to the success of the entertainment given at the tuberno in connection with our fair last week. Especially do we wish to acknowledge our obligations to the Misses Alice and Frances Shellabarger and Messrs. Dick Stone, Frank Curtis, D. C. Corley, E. S. McDonald, and all others who aided in the "Fairy Family" and "Mrs. Jarley" entertainments.

THE LADIES OF STAFF'S CHURCH.

Don't Forget.

That we carry all kinds of Christmas novelties, fancy goods, handkerchiefs, many articles adapted for holiday trade, too numerous to mention.

CHEAP STORE.
 Big 18, 418-44w

Fire at the High School.

There was a little scorch at the high school building this forenoon at about 8:40 o'clock, but it was so insignificant that it is hardly worth mentioning. It was discovered at about the time stated that something in the register in Miss Wilder's room on the first floor, west side, was on fire. The janitor came to the front quickly with the hose, which is over ready for just such an emergency, and the "fire" was extinguished. Investigation revealed the fact that some one had thrown a blackboard eraser down upon the furnace in the basement, and when the furnace became hot enough of course the eraser smoked and burned. Only this and nothing more. The furnaces and registers are all O. K. The temporary scorch was caused by the thoughtless or careless act of one of Peck's bad boys. Who is he?

Arrangement Day.

The prisoners in the county jail will be brought into court on Thursday morning and asked to plead guilty or not guilty to the indictments found against them. There are 23 prisoners now in the jail, and they will all be brought over in squads. Deputy Manzy has prepared 17 separate lists of the juryman, so that Mr. Johns may present each prisoner not having a lawyer with a copy of the same.

Letters from Missouri.

Within the last few days the Republican has received letters from subscribers in "poor old Missouri" enclosing remittances for subscription. One writes from King City, paying for his paper until 1894, two years ahead. He says: "Can't get along without the Republican in this Democratic land." Another at Blue Springs says: "We have a lively little town. This is a good farming country, but it is no use for Mason county people to sell their farms and come here to get cheaper land. They can't do it. Land without good houses and barns sells from \$10 to \$50 per acre. James A. Parr has gone to southwest Missouri with a view to settling there. What is looking fine. It is almost a sure crop. Corn is selling at 35 cents. Send on the Republican. My boys must be raised right if we are in Missouri."

German Comedy.

This evening the "Karl" combination will appear at the opera house and give a laughable comedy and musical entertainment. The principal performers in the play will be Chas. A. Gardner, Patti Rosa and Opie Decker, the latter one of the wonderful midgets of the world. Admission 35, 50 and 75 cents. There will be plenty of harmless fun. Don't fail to see "Karl."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Walston paid a professional visit to Bethany yesterday, returning in the evening.

John W. Phillips left for Kansas City, Mo., yesterday to represent Ilwaco & Sons in that Chicago of the west.

Mrs. K. Harwood and Mrs. Samuel Knight are home from a visit to St. Louis and Springfield.

Mrs. Jennette Green, of Carlyle, is in the city, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bowen.

Gen. O. R. Decker, the "smallest man on earth," is in the city and will appear at the opera house to-night. He and Gardner will make big fun in "Karl."

Rev. J. W. Crane, pastor of the Methodist church at Moweaqua, was in the city last evening. He occupied the pulpit at Harriestown Sunday.

M. J. Franz and family have left Corro Gordo and are now on their way to Deatrice, Neb., in which vicinity Mr. F. will locate permanently.

Frank Queen, brother of the young lady who recently died at Bethany, paid a call today. He publishes a card of interest in another column.

E. W. Orth, of Chicago, brother of J. W. was a visitor in Decatur yesterday. He registered at the New Deering and visited his brother at the jail.

Mattie Vickers who is playing at St. Louis this week, will give three entertainments here next week--Christmas Eve, Boxing Christmas day, and another performance that night.

Dr. E. T. Jones of St. Louis, spent a few hours in Decatur, his old home, yesterday. He was the guest of Alderman Roberts. Owing to his brief stay in the city he called upon but few of his old friends.

George W. VanRiper of this city has accepted a position with Putnam, Locks & Co. of Chicago, Ill. as an executive manufacturer of woolen goods. Mr. V. will travel for this house in different parts of the country for three years or longer. His family will remain in Decatur.

Chicago Evening Journal, 11: "Mr. and Mrs. James A. Phillips, of Jax Vesper, N. J., arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the holidays at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boatman, on Chestnut place." Mrs. P. is a daughter of W. B. Barry, of this city.

John G. Imboden weighed his premium steer, "Scratch," the other day, to see if he had gained any since he came home from the Chicago fat stock show. In Chicago "Scratch" weighed 1810 pounds. When weighed by John Saturday the steer balanced the scales at just 1700 pounds, a steady gain of 110.

A Complimentary Supper.

D. L. Temple, secretary of the association, gave a tea and supper at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening to the members of the board of directors, Bros. G. E. Morehouse, E. P. Morehouse, A. Kramer, Henry Smith, Theo. Coleman, Wm. Niedermeyer, J. B. Dinges, J. E. Saxton, G. T. Tucker, J. N. Wilkinson, W. C. Wood, F. P. Wells, and G. H. Marker. The supper was prepared at the expense of the secretary by the ladies of the W. C. T. U., and it was a fine spread.

See the second exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's wax works at the tuberno Friday night. Admission 10c; reserved seats, 25 cents. Tablans with colored lights, statuary representing Grecian gods and goddesses, Jupiter and Juno on the throne, Mars, Bacchus, Neptune, winged Cupid, and hosts of others, all interspersed with music.

Christmas is Coming.

Barber & Baker have the finest line of Christmas Shoppers ever brought to Decatur, and for the least money. Call and get a pair and make some one happy.

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A Holiday Present.

Look now until New Year Abel & Locke offer an elegant lot of Real Lace Curtains at half value.

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MARRIED.

In this city on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1893, by Judge S. E. Greer, Mr. CHARLES S. WEATHERFORD, of Blue Mound, and Miss MARGARET M. DUNNING, of Wheatland.

F. D. CALDWELL has the best grades of hard coal.

An elegant assortment of gen's fine embroidered night shirts at B. Stine's. 11

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1893--Judge J. W. Whitkin Presiding.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18.
 Court convened at 9:30 a. m. and gave attention to the following cases:

CHANCERY DOCKET.
 Sarah E. Lake vs. William P. Lake; divorce. Evidence heard by court, and decree of separation granted.

Charles S. Hall vs. D. M. Oxer and Henry Davis; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso and referred to master.

Adelia A. Bishop vs. Albin A. Bishop; divorce, injunction and alimony. Evidence heard by court and decree of divorce granted.

Lina Morgret vs. W. H. Morgret; divorce. Evidence heard by court and decree granted.

Nicholas Reavely vs. Henry Bauer; divorce. Motion to strike affidavit from files allowed.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.
 Erlanger Bonheim & Co. vs. Sol Moritz & Co.; appellate; appeal. Stricken from docket at cost of plaintiff.

Silas E. Moore vs. E. O. Smith, assumpsit. Leave to open depositions in vacation.

Jacob H. Smith vs. J. M. Dunkel & Co.; assumpsit. Motion entered by plaintiff for immediate execution to issue.

Hannah M. Myers vs. Henry Bishop; assumpsit. Trial by jury pending.

County Clerk Hardy issued two marriage licenses this forenoon. One was to David E. Sasseon, of Terra Haute, and Miss Ottilie Reilly, of Decatur, and the other was carried off by John Wesley Woodford who will marry Miss Julia Belle Staines.

"Jack Frost" at Linn & Scruggs.

Hundreds of people stopped in front of Linn & Scruggs' store to-day to wonder at and admire the fantastic shapes placed upon the plate glass windows last night by Jack Frost, whose strange freaks are truly wonderful to behold. Jack has put branches of trees clothed with a gorgeous weight of foliage upon three of the windows, and on the fourth appears a large collection of ferns which stand out boldly, each branch and leaf clear cut and true to Nature. The like was never seen on any window in the city. A wag suggests that possibly the formations were caused by the breathing of "Jumbo" and "Old Santa," but this view is not generally entertained. Each of the windows were photographed this forenoon by H. H. Piper and Mr. Suively, the artists.

A CARD FROM QUEEN.

Facts About the Sudden Death of Mary Queen at Bethany Recently.

Some days ago it will be remembered that a statement appeared in the Republican concerning the peculiar death of Miss Queen at her brother's home at Bethany, a small town in Monticello county, 18 miles south of Decatur, on the Poorin, Decatur and Evansville railway. Below appears

A CARD written for publication by the brother of the deceased:

BETHANY, ILL., Dec. 11, 1893.

Owing to the various rumors and conjectures that have obtained concerning the sudden death of my sister, Mary Queen, I offer this statement:

Mary was 17 years old, had left her native state, North Carolina, nearly three years ago. Made her home with us, except when working out. Upon her forehead was a birth mark extending from the right eyebrow upwards about one inch by about two inches in length. She never suffered from this, except from its unsightly appearance. Before she left home she consulted physicians concerning its removal. During the past two years the desire to have it removed had borne upon her heavily, owing to the jeering remarks that she constantly met from the thoughtless and ill-bred. She consulted physicians at Moweaqua, as well as Dr. Pyatt and Davis at Bethany, and had come to the belief that the operation would not amount to much, and could be accomplished with comparative safety.

About four weeks ago she came home and stated that she had come home to stay until the spot was removed. At one time she sought arrangements with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Younger to go with them to Decatur to have it removed. After a while she changed her mind and decided to have it removed. I consented, and on Saturday, the 24th of November, I went with her by appointment, to Doctor Davis of Bethany. Dr. McMonney was invited to assist in the operation. However, as it was decided not to use chloroform in the case, his services were not required.

Sitting in her chair the spot was removed in a few minutes. The edges of the wound were brought together and, with a few stitches and some adhesive plaster, the wound was dressed. This occurred about 11 o'clock. Afterwards she appeared upon the street, took dinner, and shortly afterward rode home, a distance of six miles. She expressed herself as feeling quite well, was up about the house and went about as usual. It was not until about 3 o'clock that afternoon that she was taken sick and vomited some. After this she thought she would be all right as at other times. She was up and about the room until near noon, when she took her bed. However, no one felt alarmed until about 3 o'clock the next morning. At this time she complained of great distress in breathing, severe pains in chest, about the heart, and in the bowels. These symptoms increased rapidly together with coughing spells until her death, which occurred at 1 o'clock night of the 26th.

At no time during her sickness, which did not exceed 24 hours, did she complain of her head or regret having had the operation performed. The family and friends who attended her during her short illness are well satisfied that all was done for her that could be done, and have no blame to attach to any one.

Respectfully, FRANK QUEEN.

A clean head is indicative of good health and regular habits. When the body feels heavy and languid, and the mind works sluggishly, Ayer's Cathartic Pills will wonderfully assist to recovery of physical buoyancy and mental vigor. The constipated should use them.

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